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If someone hurts someone else, then that person won't forgive that other person for what they did, which is why it is more difficult for one to forgive themself if the person they had hurt doesn’t forgive them. Even if that person does not forgive themself, then they can never move on with life because of that guilt that’s stuck on them. They won’t be able to talk to that other person anymore for what had happen and that person would never forget how that other person had treated them, but it is also hard to give forgiveness in some situations. Unfortunately, they can both be difficult. Forgiveness is like empathy, putting oneself in the position of the other person, and wiping away any sort of resentment they feel towards them. Forgiveness is like freedom. Forgiveness works directly on the emotion of anger and hatred by decreasing its intensity within the mind and heart. Only the person who is wronged is capable to forgive. Only those against it have the right to forgive and therefore cannot forgive them. Forgiveness is to stop being angry for what had happen and accept the consequence, stop being angry with someone who has disappointed or harmed one. Sometimes it's hard to forgive that person because of something horrible they did to someone else, especially since one can't accept their apology by saying that they are sorry for something that has upset someone else. Guilt makes a person feel horrible, living everyday miserable and sometimes with regret. One tries to think of anything, any possible solution that can make everything right again. Satisfaction is the goal that many others are looking for but sometimes the right thing to do is what hurts a person the most. What hurts the most is if a person hurts someone accidentally or intentionally is the fact that they may never forgive that person. Not only does it hurt that they may never forgive them but it also hurts knowing that they may never seem to forgive themselves as long as they live. Many days they do dread their mistake feeling horrible and sad. All they wish for is to make things better so that everyone can be happy. They hope that the victim can find it in their heart to forgive that person for their wrong doing. When and if that person ever does forgive that other person, they end up learning a big lesson which teaches them to never take anything or anyone for granted. Forgiveness is a choice that one must decide and the choice they make affects their future relationship negatively or positively, depending on what one wishes to make best out of the situation. The real purpose of it being so difficult is that if that person doesn’t forgive the other person, they feel less of a person to someone they hurt. Many people are afraid to forgive because they feel that they must remember the wrong or they will not learn from it, meaning that the person one hurts might want to remember what that person did so they learn from it.

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